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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Roy A. BLACK *et al.*

Appl. No.: 09/244,984

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Examiner: M. Moran

Title: *CRYSTALLINE TNF- $\alpha$ -CONVERTING ENZYME AND USES THEREOF*

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed in the above-captioned case on June 20, 2003. Since the response is timely filed by a due date of September 20, 2003, applicants believe that no additional fees are required. If fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to make appropriate charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 19-0741, in order to provide exact payment.

Applicants request reconsideration and reexamination of their application, in light of the following revisions and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: